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NORMAL SCHOOLS WILL GET INTO COURTS AT ONCE

All Phases to be Covered in
Suit Thought to be the
Better Action.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4.—It was learned today on good authority that a suit to test all phases of the Normal School act is certain to be brought within the next few days. The suit will probably be filed by Auditor John J. Craig and will take up the constitutionality of the act, the right of the Legislature to create the commission, the right of the commission to erect buildings and to hire faculties.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 5.—That more than mere patronage is involved in the contention between the Normal School Commission and the State Board of Education over the right to elect a faculty and establish the new schools at Murray and Morehead was pointed out today by those interested in the tangle.

Assumption by the majority of the commission of the right to erect buildings and organize the schools would speedily commit the State irrevocably to the projects. The next general Assembly would be unable to act in the case, as there would already be a large investment and going schools. On the other hand, if the commission turns the sites and money over to the board, that body will do all it legitimately can to prevent the consummation of the plan adopted by the commission.

Another phase of the situation may develop if the commission is unwilling to accept the lands, buildings and contents at Morehead as worth \$100,000. The site includes the old buildings of a little college and a campus estimated at from five to ten acres. This with other land is offered as the \$100,000 required by law. According to members of the commission, citizens of Morehead have promised to raise the difference in cash should the commission decide the property is worth less than the amount named.

Lon B. Hylton Shot While Out Hunting

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Lon B. Hylton, recently C. & O. engineer on the Big Sandy division was accidentally shot at Shelbyville while in quest of birds. When Hylton, who was returning home from the day's hunt, stumbled and fell, his gun which was a 16-gauge pump, discharged, the lead entering his left arm just above the wrist. He walked to the depot at Shelbyville where, after medical attention, he left for the C. & O. hospital in Huntington. It will be necessary to amputate the arm, it is said.

Christmas Mail To Go In Refrigerator Cars

Washington, Dec. 2.—All kinds of railroad rolling stock, even refrigerator cars, are being gathered up by the roads for prospective use in handling the Christmas mail rush, according to a report issued today by the Postoffice Department. It is expected that all the Christmas mail will reach the homes to which it is addressed by the morning of December 25, providing the public helps by doing its Christmas mailing early.

LOGAN MERCHANT HAS DISAPPEARED

Logan, Dec. 6.—J. A. Burgess, better known as "Joe John," prominent and well known merchant of Logan creek, about one mile from here has mysteriously disappeared and local officials believe he has met with foul play.

Mr. Burgess, according to reliable information received from his neighbors in Logan creek, left his store Monday, on his way to Logan where he expected to deposit between \$300 and \$1,000 in a Logan bank. He is said to have had the money on his person when he left the store.

The last time he was seen, he was in the East End of the town, where he had stopped with the intention of collecting several accounts. This is the last seen of Burgess.

Monday was pay day at the mines and Burgess had collected several accounts. According to best information he had collected approximately \$1,000.

A BOOST IS APPRECIATED.

We feel that our subscribers have a certain interest and pride in the fact that the Big Sandy News is the prize newspaper of the State of Kentucky, and also that its mechanical equipment leads all the rest. Those who share this feeling can help the cause along by telling their neighbors about it and advising them to subscribe.

With our new press we are able to take care of the demands of advertisers and at the same time give our readers their full share of reading matter. 12 pages are required this week to care for both the readers and the advertisers.

CHILD DIES.
One of the twin children of Fred Wellman of Adams died Wednesday at Adams. The child was 7 weeks old.

Wins Highest Scout Honor



In impressive ceremonies, Wm. Cannon, of Los Angeles, Calif., has been awarded highest scout honor, the National medal of Honor. Despite a terrific tide and high waves, he plunged into the sea at Honolulu last year, saving two women from drowning. Shown here, he is wearing his medal.

Two Confessions Alleged in Mine-Tragedy Plot

Paintsville, Frank Conley and Burns Castle, two of a number of men indicted on a charge of participation in a plot which resulted in the death of two miners from Morgan county at Theobald mines, have made confessions, authorities state. According to the alleged statements, dynamite was put in a cutting machine by parties whose names are being withheld, and this was detonated when the victims first of the miners arrived, turned on the electric current.

Mrs. Weddington Dies at Fort Gay, W. Va.

Mrs. Susan Weddington died in Ft. Gay, W. Va., Saturday after an illness of long duration. She was the widow of Henry Weddington and mother of Sam and The Weddington. She had been a member of the M. E. Church for many years. The funeral and burial took place Sunday, conducted by Rev. Johnson, pastor. Mrs. Weddington's age was about 70 years.

AIRPLANE MAKING FLIGHTS, LOUISA AND VICINITY

Ident. John P. Wood, of New York, is in Louisa with his airplane, having flown here from Pennsylvania on Thursday last week. He has been making a business of flying ever since he came out of service in this department of the army after the World war. He usually goes to Florida and does commercial flying during the winter and his summers are spent in the northwest in the same line of work. He has never had an accident. This fact is due more to anything else to his constant caution, and the use of the best materials obtainable for his machines.

Several persons here have availed themselves of this opportunity to get the thrilling experience of flying. On Wednesday he flew from Louisa to Blaine in fifteen minutes, landing in R. T. Berry's field near the town. Remaining there half an hour he made the return trip to Louisa in 14 or 15 minutes, making just one hour for the round trip, with half of the time spent at Blaine. The distance is 21 miles by the shortest road. As passengers he carried his brother North on Wood and Holt, Dixon, Jr. This is the first time an airplane has visited Blaine and Mr. Wood was told that no plane ever before had flown near enough to be seen by the people of that place.

On Monday Mr. Wood went to Wilkeson and found a good landing field in South Williamson. He arranged to take his machine there on Friday morning of this week and remain two days to do flying.

John is a great nephew of Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, a nephew of Miss Hermal Northup and Mrs. J. M. Turner, and a grandson of Col. Jay H. Northup, who died in last month. He has visited his Louisa relatives frequently since early childhood. Therefore he is well known here.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON THURSDAY EVENING

The Thanksgiving service was held last Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at M. E. Church, South. It was a union service and was well attended. Rev. J. D. Brane preached a good sermon, appropriate to the occasion. Rev. H. S. Early read the scripture lesson, Rev. John Chesep offered the opening prayer and Rev. E. J. Jernigan the closing prayer.

KILLS FATHER-IN-LAW.
A report from Pikeville says Brown Johnson shot and killed his father-in-law, Eph Brannan, in Pike county on Thanksgiving. Brannan interfered when Johnson and his wife were having trouble. The tragedy occurred at the home of the Johnsons.

A postoffice has been established at Hunter, Floyd county, with Elbert S. Pratt as postmaster.

NORMAL REPEAL TAKING SHAPE

Poll of Legislators Shows
Large Percentage Fa-
vor Repeal.

Forty-four members of the Kentucky General Assembly will vote to repeal the Normal School Act if Governor Morrow calls the Legislature into extra session, the poll now being made by The Louisville Times shows. One hundred and three of the 138 Legislators have answered the question sent out by The Times.

Of this number, twenty-five favor legislative action and twenty-six want the case taken to the courts of the State. Twenty-four were non-committal on the course they desired to be taken and sixteen said they preferred to leave the matter in its present status.

Craig May Bring Suit
Forty would not say how they would vote if the extra session is called.

Charles L. Dawson, Attorney General, said yesterday that another conference between Governor Morrow, Superintendent Colvin, Auditor Craig and himself will be held within a few days. "At this meeting," said Mr. Dawson, "it will be decided what action will be taken."

It is said that the presence of Auditor Craig at the meeting is for the purpose of grooming him to bring the suit.

Boyd County Has Gas Well on Keyser Creek

A water-filled hole prevents an exact estimate as to the value of the gas well brought in by Sam J. DeBord near Keyser creek last week. When gas was first struck, it was estimated to be about 300,000 feet but indications are today that the well will reach the 500,000 level.

The well was brought in last week. Some oil was struck, running about a barrel a day. The drillers left the hole to get the necessary equipment for running the well and when they returned 100 feet of water was on top of the oil and gas deposit.

DeBord said that the water is to be removed and that the drillers then will be able to determine the value of the well which has been named "DeBord No. 1," Ashland Independent.

F. T. Hatcher Saves Two From Burning Building

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 1.—F. T. Hatcher of Pikeville, recent candidate for congress from the fourth district, saved three small children of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rickford when their home was destroyed by fire near Heller, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickford were with Mr. Hatcher in their store when the fire started. Hatcher's chauffeur gave the alarm when he saw flames leap from the roof of the residence. Prompted by Mrs. Rickford's screams, Hatcher rushed into the burning building and carried two children to safety. He was forced to break down two locked doors which were in the path. A companion rescued the third child after Hatcher had cleared the passage.

The children were four, two and one years old respectively. Mrs. Rickford suffered the loss of most of her hair in the fire. Neither of the children was injured.

EARTHQUAKE JOLTS KENTUCKY TOWNS

A slight trembling of the earth was felt in the western and eastern parts of Louisville, according to reports of residents Sunday night. No damage was reported.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—Earth tremors severe enough to break windows, shake buildings and rattle dishes were felt in St. Louis, Southern Illinois, Western Indiana and Western Kentucky about 9:30 o'clock tonight, according to reports received here.

At St. Louis University Scienceographical Observatory, where the tremors were recorded, attendants described them as "moderate intensity" between 9:31 and 9:33. They said seismographic indications pointed to the tremors occurring in a southeast-easterly direction.

The shock, experts said, which was sudden and of sufficient intensity to cause slight damage in homes, was recorded at 9:32.

BEN STALEY DIES NEAR PRICHARD, W. VA.

Bennie, age 15, son of Wm. Staley, died November 28, after five weeks illness from an unusual complication of diseases. He is said to have had typhoid, blood poison, spinal meningitis, and tuberculosis of the bone.

REV. WALKER DEAD.

Rev. P. G. Walker of Barbourville, W. Va., died on Wednesday evening of last week after a long illness. The funeral was conducted by Dr. R. J. Yeak from the M. E. Church South in Barbourville on Friday.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH.

A crippled child was burned to death at Olive Hill last week, the house catching fire when members of the family were away from home for a short time.

FORT GAY CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Little Boy Dies From Effects of
Flames When
Clothing Caught.

The little son of Oscar See of Ft. Gay, W. Va., died last Friday evening from burns received when his clothing caught fire. He was three years old and was standing near an open grate when his clothing flamed and he was burned to death. He was so badly burned that he lived only a short time. No one was in the room at the time excepting two other small children. One was a little brother, age about five, whose hands were painfully burned in a heroic attempt to get the burning garment off of the child.

Mr. and Mrs. See are running a restaurant at a location about 100 yards from their home. Mrs. See was called to the restaurant and had been gone only a short time when the accident occurred.

\$10 Per Day Bonus to Loyal Employees

Employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway company who voluntarily left normal positions to help in car repairs and train operation during the recent shipwreck strike are to receive bonuses of \$10 for each day they rendered such service.

Over 600 employees of the Chesapeake & Ohio system will benefit by the company's action. Approximately \$100,000 will be distributed, it was announced.

The maximum to be paid will be \$60. Many of the employees will receive the maximum amount while others will receive from \$20 to \$30.

Wayne M. E. Church South to Have Modern Building

The Wayne Methodist Episcopal Church South is now arranging to erect a new building on the site of the present structure. The new building will be of brick and arranged to accommodate all phases of Sunday school and church work.

The following committee has been named to secure necessary funds and arrange the plans for the new building which it is said will be underway in the spring: Barbara A. Burgess, chairman, Lillian Ferguson, secretary, T. L. McGee, treasurer, C. W. Ferguson, S. J. Vinson, Fred S. Henson, F. W. Terrill and G. G. Chapman. Wayne News.

KENTUCKY FIFTH IN PLACUE TOLL

Washington, Dec. 3.—Only 500 deaths, tuberculosis, Virginia and California, in that order, had higher tuberculosis death rates than Kentucky in 1921, according to Census Bureau figures made public today. With 2,197 deaths from the disease during the year, Kentucky's tuberculosis death rate is 136.4 to every 100,000 of population, compared with 2,552 deaths, a rate of 167.7.

Statistics were available from only thirty-four States. In this area there were 58,000 tuberculosis deaths in 1921, a rate of 29.4. The Census bureau estimates the total number of tuberculosis deaths in the entire country for the year at 167,000, as compared with 1920 estimate of 122,000.

In the States with large negro populations, the Bureau calculated the rate separately for whites and negroes. In this group, Kentucky showed the highest tuberculosis death rates for both the white and negro populations. Kentucky's white tuberculosis death rate for the year was 135.7 and the negro tuberculosis death rate 225.1.

In spite of Kentucky's showing for 1921, the figures show health conditions improving in the State. There were 3,745 tuberculosis deaths in 1920 and 3,582 in 1919, as against 3,197 last year.

Joseph Wellman Dies at North Dakota Home

Word was received by Mrs. M. E. Ham of the death of her nephew, Joe Wellman, of North Dakota which occurred on Wednesday last week at his home. Mr. Wellman spent some time in this county about a year ago among relatives. His health had not been very good for some time.

RECEIVES FATAL STROKE WHILE TALKING TO FAMILY

Olive Hill.—Whitt Boggs, 77, died from a stroke of apoplexy which he sustained while in conversation with members of his family and without warning. He was credited with living up to his motto: "Spend half your time minding your own business, the other half leaving other people's business alone."

MRS. ELOISE DANIELS BETTER.

Mrs. Robert Daniels, who has been critically ill for the past few weeks, is now recovering from her illness. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James A. Hughes and sister, Mrs. Harold Van Sant, who have been with her during her illness. Mrs. Daniels is considerably better. It was stated at the residence of her parents on Fifth avenue where she is recuperating.

Harvester King Bringing Bride Home



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SUDDEN DEATH OF W. B. HUFF

Good Citizen Dies Almost
Instantly After Attack
of Heart Trouble.

On last Friday morning the people of Louisa were again shocked by the sudden death of one of our citizens. It was that of Mr. W. B. Huff who had been down town among friends only a few minutes before the summons came. He was a carpenter and had been working on the new Ekers building now under construction. On account of delay of some material he returned home Friday morning and was helping with the work about the house when suddenly he complained of feeling very sick. He walked across the room, sat down on the bed and fell forward, dying instantly. His death was so sudden and unexpected that those with whom he had been talking only a short time before could not realize that it could have happened.

Mr. Huff was born June 15, 1861, at Paintsville, Ky. He was married to Alice Price, October 31, 1884, who with three sons and three daughters survive. He had been a faithful and consistent member of the Christian church for more than twenty-five years. He took membership first with the Willis Point church in Texas and on February 28, 1911 with the Church of Christ at Louisa. Mr. Huff had been a deacon in this church for some time. He was also secretary and treasurer. He did much of the carpenter work on the new church built last year at this place, donating all his services.

He had lived in Louisa many years and was a good citizen, highly respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held in the Christian church in Louisa at one o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 3. The sermon was preached by his pastor, H. J. Ekers, who was assisted by the services by Dr. C. A. Slaughter, presiding elder of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. J. D. Brane of the Baptist church. Such a large number of friends attended that many could not get inside the building.

Interment took place on Pine Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Flem Keller Dies at Catlettsburg Home

The Ashland Independent of Wednesday gives the following account of the death of the wife of a former resident of Webbville, this county: Mrs. Sallie Lambert Keller, wife of Flem Keller, manager of the Catlettsburg and Kenova Water Works, passed away at 8 o'clock this morning. Her death was a shock to the entire city, where she was so well known and so dearly loved. Mrs. Keller has been ill for more than a month and had been taken to the King's Daughters' Hospital for treatment, remaining there for two weeks.

Mrs. Keller had been possessed of splendid health and until the sudden turn in her condition her friends had anticipated her early recovery. Mrs. Keller was a beautiful woman and was one of the most popular matrons in the tri-state region. She was the most accomplished and had a lovely and charming personality. Her character had been above reproach and her rare attributes of mind and heart endeared her to all so fortunate as to know her. She was 29 years old and was married to Flem Keller of this city, May 29, 1915. She was the daughter of John and Linwood Kouns-Lambert of East Fork, Boyd county. Her parents survive as do the following brothers and sisters: George, Lambert of Ashland; Richard of Portsmouth and Charles